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In re application of:

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Honorable Assistant Commissioner
for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 4, 2001, Applicants submit an Appendix (APPENDIX B attached hereto) presenting copies of the claims presented in the Amendment filed on September 21, 2001. It is respectfully submitted that the claim form in APPENDIX B, containing underlining and bracketing dictated by 37 C.F.R. §1.173(d), render the objection raised in the paper dated December 4, 2001, moot.

It is respectfully submitted that the omission in submitting an annotated set of claims was unintentional, since, in reliance on the express wording of 37 C.F.R. §1.173(g), it was believed that the dictates of 37 C.F.R. §1.173(d) did not apply. In other word, since the claims being amended were added by Amendment, the amended claims were correctly annotated with respect to the issue patent.

By this response, Applicants have made a sincere effort to place the above-identified

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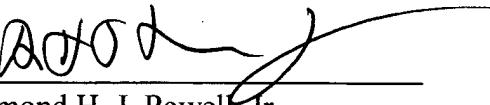
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application in condition for immediate allowance. If the Examiner believes that a teleconference would be useful in expediting the prosecution of this application, the official is hereby invited to telephone the undersigned counsel to arrange for such a conference.

Respectfully submitted,
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